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SUBJECT: NEW PL-480 AGREEMENT SIGNED IN DAMASCUS

A NEW COMMODITY LOAN AGREEMENT UNDER U.S. PUBLIC LAW 480 WAS SIGNED TODAY IN DAMASCUS WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PLACE NEARLY 15 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF AMERICAN RICE IN THE SYRIAN CONSUMER MARKET. THE AGREEMENT IS THE SECOND PL-480 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN JUNE, 1974.

IN INFORMAL REMARKS BEFORE THE SIGNING AMERICAN AMBASSADOR RICHARD W. MURPHY DESCRIBED THE AGREEMENT AS A GURTHER STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COOPERATION." AMBASSADOR MURPHY NOTED THAT U.S. EXPERIENCE COULD BE OF MOST DIRECT BENEFIT TO SYRIA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT COUNTRY'S AGRICULTURE, AND HE CALLED FOR GREATER TIES BETWEEN SYRIAN AND AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTORS IN THIS AREA.

PRIOR TO THIS AGREEMENT SYRIA HAD ALREADY RECEIVED
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MORE THAN 19 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF U.S. AGRICUL-

TURAL COMMODITIES UNDER THE PL-480 PROGRAM,
INCLUDING SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT AND RICE.
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